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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Preliminary Paper with Respect to Human Rights at the International Summit

Attached is a paper setting forth objectives with respect to human rights at the Summit meeting, the anticipated reaction of other participants, and cautions to be observed in the treatment of this subject.

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Executive Secretary

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Attachment:

As stated.

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SUMMIT MEETING
London, May 7-8, 1977

I. U.S. Objectives

We should use this meeting to explain the Administration's human rights policy and its importance, and to seek our allies' understanding and support for our efforts. We should reassure them that this will be a realistic, sustained, cooperative effort; that we are not engaging in a single-handed moral crusade.

--If our consultations with the Congress permit it by this time, we might use this meeting to inform our allies of our intention to press for U.S. accession to and ratification of the UN human rights covenants, the convention on racial discrimination, and the genocide convention.

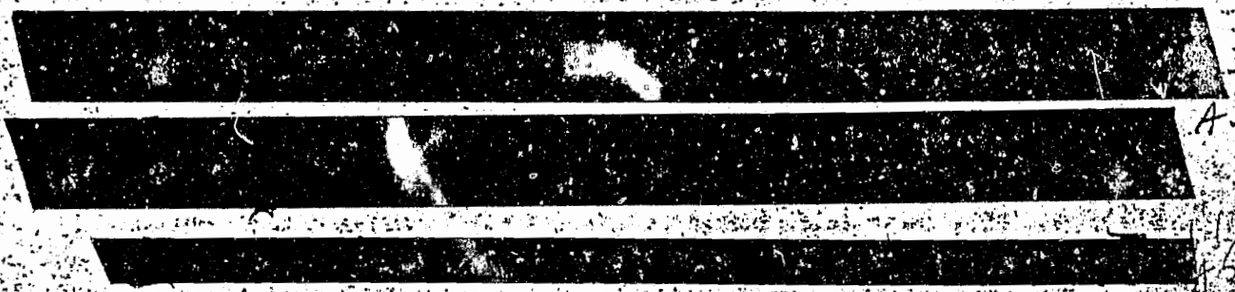
--To the extent we have general agreement by early May, we might also advise these governments that we hope to develop a consensus among the members of the international financial institutions on how to handle loan proposals for governments that do not respect human rights and will be pursuing the subject with them bilaterally.

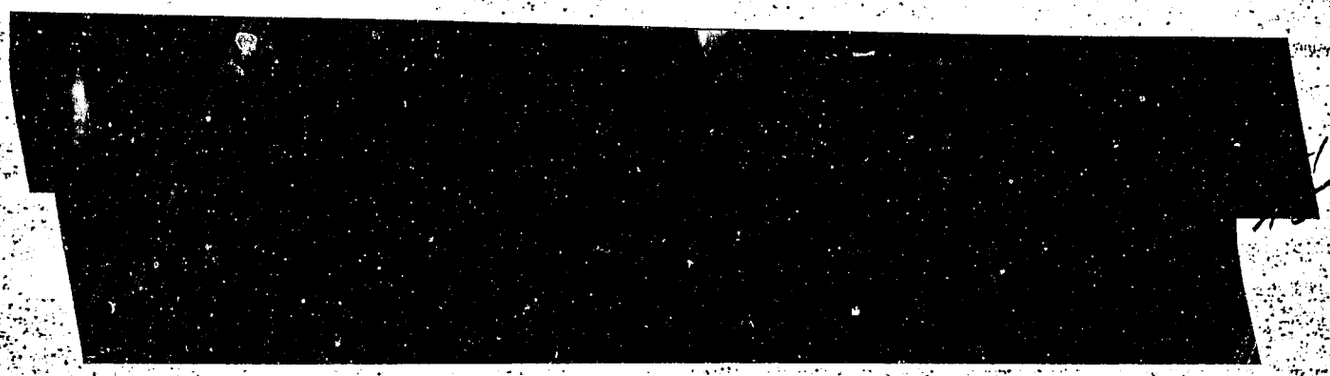
II. CSCE Human Rights

Since there will probably be a NATO Summit meeting right after this session, that would be a more appropriate forum for discussion of CSCE human rights questions.

III. Anticipated Reaction

All participants in the Summit are likely to accept more or less willingly an exchange of views on human rights and may be willing to accept some general communique language on the importance of the subject. However, most will oppose efforts to reach agreed policies on human rights.





If the European Community (EC) Commission participates, it will remain in the background.

IV. Cautions

Discussion of human rights in this forum will be a sensitive matter both in terms of East-West detente and North-South relationships.

Developing countries regard emphasis on individual human rights as an excuse for not acting on the economic and social rights which are their priority interest.

Any public announcement on human rights should be general and avoid giving the impression that the meeting coordinated the human rights policies of the industrialized nations.